

DIVISION STAFF SERVICE AWARD

Matthew Staley

Matt Staley began his career as a Breathing Apparatus Technician with the Division of Fire and Rescue Services in October 2004. In 2007 Matt was transferred to a newly-created Equipment Technician position. His many talents, mechanical abilities, and resourcefulness made him an ideal person for this position.

When given an assignment, Matt completes the task correctly and in a timely manner. He never hesitates when given assignments that are above and beyond the scope of his normal work duties. When completing a task, he always keeps the best interests of the Division and the community we serve in mind.

In the past year, the Board of County Commissioners made the decision to sell the airplane hangar that housed Logistics and the Breathing Apparatus and Equipment Shop Operations, and to move the Logistics Operation to a new location on Scholl's Lane. Converting and making the new building into a functional and efficient space for operation took extreme creativity and foresight. The task of reconfiguring the building to meet the Division's needs was challenging, but Matt, keeping fiscal constraints in mind, developed a plan to maximize the space and to improve function. His expertise and talents gave him the ability to complete these projects cost effectively, which in turn assisted the Division in keeping costs under budget.

Matt worked tirelessly with several different Frederick County Agencies to bring the reconstruction plan to completion ahead of schedule, and many compliments were received from various Directors, Managers, and county staff regarding his work ethic, abilities, and initiative in completing this project.

In conjunction with outfitting the new location, Matt took on the project of reconstructing a brush truck. The current configuration of this particular truck made it exceed the legal gross vehicle weight, which required the truck to be placed out of service. Matt was able to completely disassemble and reconstruct the pump by replacing the water tank and reconfiguring its equipment placement. Doing so allowed for the apparatus to meet all brush truck standards, thereby reducing the

gross vehicle weight to a legal limit. Matt's creativity and resourcefulness kept the cost of this project to a minimum. Less than \$3,000 was needed to reconfigure the truck; the only other option would have been to replace the truck's chassis at a cost of \$40,000.

In addition to these projects and his normal work load, Matt is a member of the Special Projects Group. He is instrumental in projects such as the county-wide testing of all ground ladders and aerial trucks. Additionally he has taken classes through the ladder manufacturer that certifies him to make ladder repairs. He also assists with the county-wide pumps testing, and he is an integral part of the team that assembles emergency shelter tents.

Matt Staley's work ethic, and his willingness to go above and beyond his normal work duties, has greatly contributed to Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services, and he is very deserving of the Division Staff Service Award.

Congratulations Matt!